

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY AT**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

February 1, 1999

**IN RE: APPLICATION OF ELECTRIC )**  
**POWER BOARD OF CHATTANOOGA )**  
**FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC ) DOCKET NO. 97-07488**  
**CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO )**  
**PROVIDE INTRASTATE )**  
**TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE )**

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**ORDER APPOINTING THE HEARING OFFICER**

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On January 12, 1999, this matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") for appointment of a Hearing Officer to conduct a Status Conference (1) to review new information announced by Electric Power Board of Chattanooga ("EPB") during the regularly scheduled January 12, 1999 Authority Conference relating to various circumstances which had changed subsequent to the conclusion of the hearing on the merits and (2) to reach agreement with the parties concerning whether supplementing the evidentiary record of the hearing was either necessary or desired prior to the Authority's deliberations on EPB's Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide intrastate telecommunications services

Having considered the matter, the Directors unanimously appointed Chairman Melvin J. Malone to serve as Hearing Officer for those purposes

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1 Chairman Melvin J. Malone is appointed Hearing Officer in this matter for the above-stated purposes


2 Any party aggrieved with the Authority's decision in this matter may file a Petition for Reconsideration with the Authority within ten (10) days from and after the date of this Order

  
CHAIRMAN

  
DIRECTOR

  
DIRECTOR

ATTEST

  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY